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The SPECTATOR.

——Quos ille timorum
Maximus haud urget lethi metus: inde ruendi
In ferrum mens prona viris, animæque capaces
Mortis—— Luc.

Thurſday, April 10. 1712.

Am very much pleaſed with a Conſolatory Letter of *Phalaris*, to one who had loſt a Son that was a young Man of great Merit. The Thought with which he comforts the afflicted er is, to the beſt of my Memory, as follows; t he ſhould conſider Death, had ſet a kind of upon his Son's Character, and placed him out e Reach of Vice and Infamy: That while he he was ſtill within the Poſſibility of falling a- from Virtue, and loſing the Fame of which as poſſeſſed. Death only cloſes a Man's Re- ion, and determines it as good or bad.

his, among other Motives, may be one Reaſon we are naturally averſe to the launching out a Man's Praiſe till his Head is laid in the Duſt. t he is capable of changing, we may be forced ract our Opinions. He may forfeit the E- we have conceived of him, and ſome time er appear to us under a different Light from he does at preſent. In ſhort, as the Life of Man cannot be called happy or unhappy, ſo r can it be pronounced vicious or virtuous, the Concluſion of it.

was upon this Conſideration that *Epaminon-* being asked whether *Chabrias*, *Iphicrates*, or himſelf, deſerved moſt to be eſteemed; You firſt ſee us dye, ſaid he, before that Queſtion be anſwered.

there is not a more melancholy Conſideration good Man than his being obnoxious to ſuch a ge, ſo there is nothing more glorious than to up an Uniformity in his Actions, and preſerve Beauty of his Character to the laſt.

he end of a Man's Life is often compared to winding up of a well-written Play, where the ipal Perſons ſtill act in Character, whatever ate is which they undergo. There is ſcarce ent Perſon in the *Grecian* or *Roman* Hiſtory e Death has not been remarked upon by ſome er or other, and cenſured or applauded accord- the Genius or Principles of the Perſon who ſcanned on it. Monſieur *St. Evremont* is ve- ticular in ſetting forth the Conſtancy and ge of *Petronius Arbiter* during his laſt Mo- and thinks he diſcovers in them a greater ſs of Mind and Reſolution than in the Death *ca*, *Cato*, or *Socrates*. There is no Queſtion s polite Author's Affectation of appearing in his Remarks, and making Diſcoveries had eſcaped the Obſervation of others, threw into this courſe of Reflection. It was *Petro-* Merit that he died in the ſame Gaiety of in which he lived; but as his Life was altogether looſe and diſſolute, the Indifference which he ſhewed at the Cloſe of it is to be looked upon as a piece of natural Careleſſneſs and Levity, rather than Fortitude. The Reſolution of *Socrates* aroſe from very different Motives, the Conſciouſneſs of a well-ſpent Life, and the Proſpect of a happy Eternity. If the Ingenious Author abovementioned was ſo pleaſed with Gaiety of Humour in a dying Man, he might have found a much nobler Inſtance of it in our Countryman, Sir *Thomas More*.

This great and learned Man was famous for enlivening his ordinary Diſcourſes with Wit and Pleaſantry, and, as *Eraſmus* tells him in an Epiſtle Dedicatory, acted in all parts of Life like a ſecond *Democritus*.

He died upon a point of Religion, and is reſpected as a Martyr by that ſide for which he ſuffered. That innocent Mirth, which had been ſo conſpicuous in his Life, did not forſake him to the laſt: He maintain'd the ſame Chearfulneſs of Heart upon the Scaffold, which he uſed to ſhew at his Table: and upon laying his Head on the Block, gave inſtances of that good Humour with which he had always entertained his Friends in the moſt ordinary Occurrences. In a word, his Death was of a piece with his Life. There was nothing in it new, forced or affected. He did not look upon the ſevering of his Head from his Body as a Circumſtance that ought to produce any Change in the diſpoſition of his Mind; and as he died under a fix'd and ſettled hope of Immortality, he thought any unuſual degree of Sorrow and Concern improper on ſuch an occaſion as had nothing in it which could deject or terrifie him.

There is no great danger of Imitation from this Example. Mens natural fears will be a ſufficient guard againſt it. I ſhall only obſerve that what was Philoſophy in this extraordinary Man, would be Frenzy in one who does not reſemble him as well in the chearfulneſs of his Temper, as in the ſanctity of his Life and Manners.

I ſhall conclude this Paper with the inſtance of a Perſon who ſeems to me to have ſhewn more Intrepidity and greatneſs of Soul in his dying Moments, than what we meet with among any of the moſt celebrated *Greeks* and *Romans*. I meet with this inſtance in the Hiſtory of the Revolutions in *Portugal*, written by the Abbot *de Vertot*.

When Don *Sebaſtian*, King of *Portugal*, had invaded the Territories of *Muly Moluc*, Emperor of *Morocco*, in order to dethrone him, and ſet his Crown upon the Head of his Nephew, *Moluc* was inſenſibly

ſibly worn away with a Diſtemper which he himſelf knew was incurable. However he prepared for the reception of ſo formidable an Enemy. He was ſo far ſpent with his Sickneſs that he did not expect to live out the whole Day, when the laſt deciſive Battel was given; but knowing the fatal Conſequences that would happen to his Children and People in caſe he ſhould die before he put an end to that War, he commanded his principal Officers that if he died during the Engagement they ſhould conceal his Death from the Army, and that they ſhould ride up to the Litter in which his Corps was carried, under pretence of receiving Orders from him as uſual. Before the Battel begun he was carried thro' all the Ranks of his Army in an open Litter, as they ſtood drawn up in Array, encouraging them to fight valiantly in defence of their Religion and Country. Finding afterwards the Battel to go againſt him, tho' he was very near his laſt Agonies, he threw himſelf out of his Litter, rallied his Army, and led them on to the Charge which afterwards ended in a compleat Victory on the ſide of the *Moors*. He had no ſooner brought his Men to the Engagement, but finding himſelf utterly ſpent, he was again re-placed in his Litter, where laying his Finger on his Mouth, to enjoin Secreſie to his Officers who ſtood about him, he died a few Moments after in that poſture.

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At the particular Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians,

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Thurſday, the 10th Day of April, will be preſented a Play call'd, The Spaniſh Fryar: Or, the Double Diſcovery. To which will be added, a Farce of one Act only, call'd, The Country Wake. By Her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

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At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

For the Benefit of Young Boman.

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